

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11-8-54

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal with a severe freeze at the beginning of the week, but warming to considerably above normal at the close. Skies were mostly clear and there was much bright sunshine. Humidities were low. Wind movement was generally light.

October was cooler than normal. Precipitation averaged above normal for the State as a whole with amounts ranging from over twice the normal at many extreme easterly localities to considerably less than normal over the southern and central portions of the Panhandle. There was much cloudy and drizzly weather during the first half of the month. Humidities were generally high, making for very unfavorable drying conditions.

CROPS Corn harvest made splendid progress after the freeze last week. About 74 percent was harvested by the close of the week as compared with 54 percent a week ago and 94 percent harvested to the same date a year ago. Harvest is nearly completed in many eastern counties.

A total of 6,780,000 acres or 96 percent of Nebraska's corn acreage was planted with hybrid corn this year. This, no doubt, enabled much of the corn to withstand the July drouth until relieved by heavy August precipitation.

The condition of winter wheat is very high, showing a slight increase in condition over a week ago. More rain is needed throughout the State and especially in the western third of the State where the surface soil is quite dry. Wheat has made splendid growth and it is supplying excellent pasture feed except in a few western counties.

The harvest of sugar beets is nearing completion in western Nebraska. The crop was harvested under ideal conditions. The harvest of southern Nebraska is not as far along but should be completed by the close of this week. Shipments of potatoes totaled 595 cars, only slightly more than were shipped to this date a year ago.

The harvest of sorghum made rapid progress after the freeze and the work is nearing completion in some of the counties. Yields are much higher than the longtime average. Yields on fields that were drilled are not so good due to damage by July drouth.

The condition of pasture in eastern Nebraska is high for this time of the year. The condition of range was reported lower this week.

LIVESTOCK Feedlots are filling up with cattle. This activity has been delayed a little in western Nebraska until the harvest of sugar beets is completed.

Slaughter cattle for the first 9 months of the year totaled 1,282,000 head, an increase of 11.5 percent over the same period last year. Hog slaughter with 1,776,000 head, was down 4.7 percent. A total of 904,000 head of sheep were slaughtered, a decrease of 1 percent from the same period a year ago. Nationally, cattle slaughter increased 9.7 percent for the same period, sheep 2.5 percent, while hog slaughter was down 7.3 percent as compared to the first 9 months of 1953.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 8, 1954

Eastern Division

All stations None

Central Division

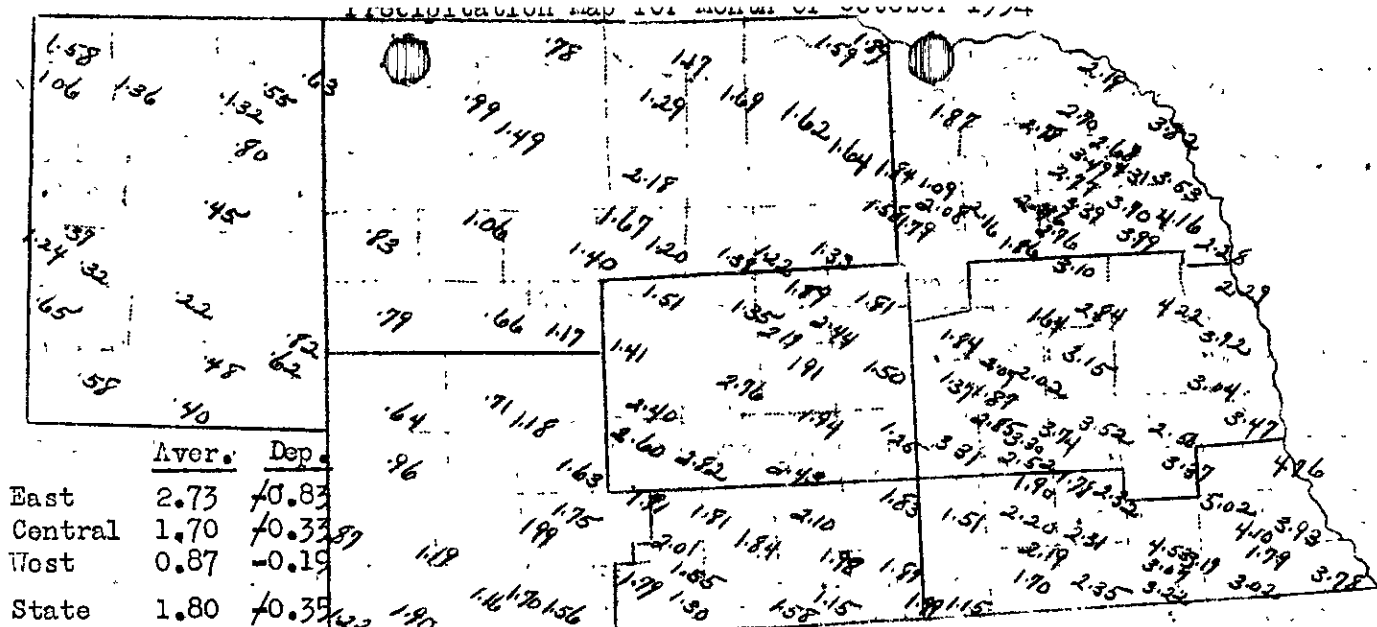
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Western Division

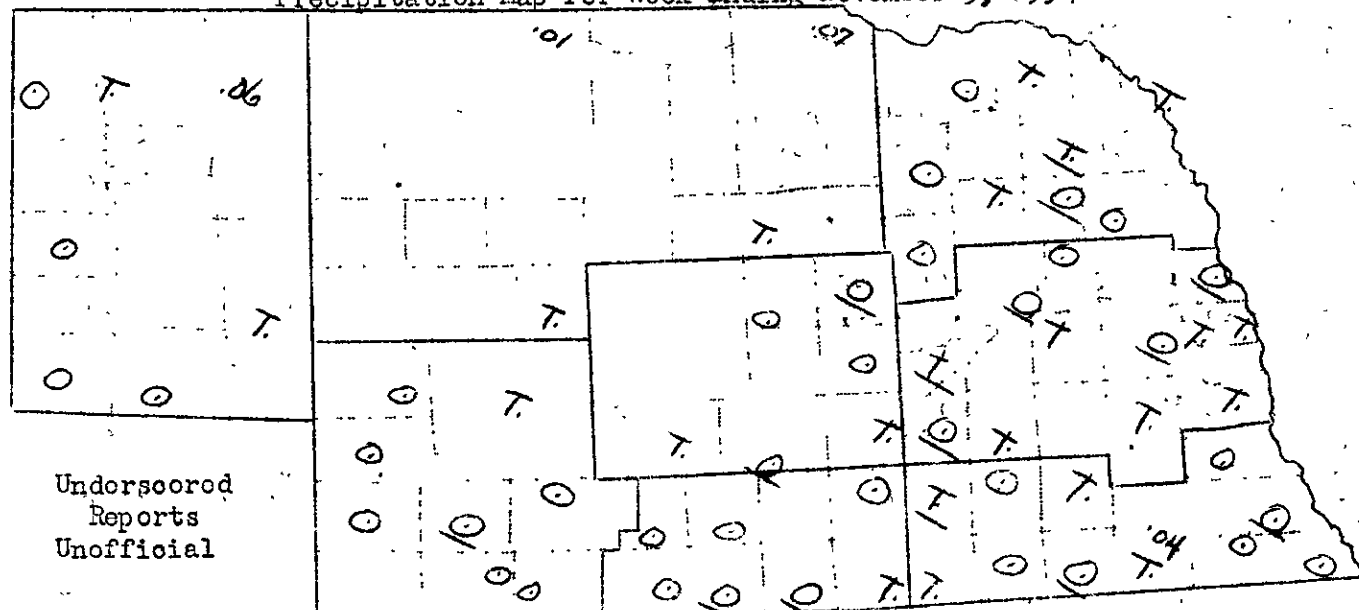
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Precipitation Map for Week Ending November 5, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and low for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		November		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	31	13	57	27	52	20	58	30	68	31	70	26	64	24		
	Scottsbluff	41	16	59	23	51	19	60	24	68	26	74	31	67	29		
	Sidney	41	9	50	20	50	19	60	29	68	32	73	31	69	32		
N-C	Burwell	31	8	42	21	55	20	--	--	70	33	74	--	80	--		
	Valentine	34	8	38	25	50	22	53	31	67	36	74	31	66	37		
NE	Norfolk	32	12	38	27	53	26	44	25	66	36	70	37	77	35		
	Sioux City	34	18	39	29	51	28	43	24	59	38	66	38	77	43		
CEN.	Grand Island	34	9	40	27	53	24	50	31	70	39	73	36	78	37		
	Lexington	39	10	42	25	57	24	54	24	69	33	73	28	77	28		
E-C	Lincoln	37	17	39	29	52	27	47	29	59	40	70	36	74	40		
	Omaha	32	16	37	25	51	25	45	26	57	29	69	42	74	41		
SW	Imperial	43	9	48	16	58	23	58	21	72	33	75	28	75	27		
	North Platte	37	7	45	19	56	20	54	20	71	27	73	27	76	31		

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